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What gave the rugged Scotch-

man His Magical
Gingham gift?
Not his savage
hills surely.
Nor his marrow
chilling mists.
It must be the
witchery of his
lake-country
that which there
is not a lovelier beneath the sun.

Styles and fashions rise and fall,
but the dynasty of Scotland's win-
some Gingham gains popularity
with every returning year.

We start the Spring season with
over one hundred styles of Scotch
Gingham, at 25 cts
These are Plaids, large, small, even or bro-
ken. There are stripes where the multi-colors
never violate the tasteful rule of taste.

6 1/2c. Light Shirting Prints.
New patterns, fast colors.
4c. Medium and Dark Prints.
Choice Designs, fast colors.
5c. Madrasienne Prints, new
plaid effects.
4c. Gingham, Fancy chic
plaids.
5c. Everest Classic Gingham,
fine Zephyrs.
Also Apron Checks.

7 1/2c. Percale, yard wide, light
medium and dark color-
ings.
New Patterns.
12 1/2c. Extra Percales—new.
5c. New Cordoned Dimities.
The Market Sale begins
this morning.

Easter Kid Gloves—a little
know the kinds.
Easter Cards—an elegant
array.
ONE That's all we ask
DOLLAR, for the making of
a stylish dress
Skirt. Whether 5—6—or 7 gores
are ordered.

SATURDAYS out of city cus-
tomers who show our clerks their
return tickets, will receive a cash re-
fund of ten per cent. of their pur-
chase.
And a Half tone picture of the Bas-
tard's Maine.
The discount and picture
of all purchases of goods
to the amount of \$25.00 or
more. Customers spending \$100
or more will receive the 10 per cent.
discount, the picture of the Maine.
And a beautiful imitation water
color picture (2 1/2x3 inches, size) of
Gen. Grant's tomb at Riverside
Park on the Hudson.
Also above premiums to Mail
orders when desired.

TO THE
PEOPLE OF
BETHEL
AND
VICINITY.

I would respectfully call your
attention to the fact, that having
recently sold out my interest in
the Noyes & Andrews store at
Norway, I have engaged in busi-
ness once more in the neighbor-
ing village of South Paris, in the
C. W. Bowker store, where
I hope to see my old patrons
from Bethel and as many new
customers as possible.

Having a new modern store
I shall carry a nice line of Dry
and Fancy Goods, Gents' Cloth-
ing and Furnishings.

The Dry Goods
Department

is filled with Dress
Goods, Silks, Trim-
mings, Jackets, Capes,
Tailor Made Suits,
Wrappers, Shirt Waists,
Hosiery, Gloves, Under-
wear, and Notions.

The Clothing
Department

which is entirely new,
(no old stock of any kind), will
consist of

NEW AND UP-TO-DATE SUITS

for Men, Boys, and Children,
Overcoats, Hats, Caps,
Shirts, Underwear, Hosi-
ery, Gloves, Mackin-
toshes, Furnishings, &c.

Before purchasing, look over
my line and I will convince you
that this is the place to trade
and save money.

Mail Orders will receive
prompt attention.

Yours respectfully,
L. B. Andrews,
(Successor to C. W. Bowker & Co.)
SOUTH PARIS, MAINE.

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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING.
ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED
UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Can-
not Be Hid."

Ask your stationer for Pine Tree
Linen.

Ava Finney was at Norway last
Sunday.

John T. Peabody of Gorham, was
in town last Friday.

Arthur Bennett of Gilead, was
in town Saturday.

W. S. Davis of South Woodstock
was in town last week.

C. M. Wornell and A. W. Grover
were at Riley, last Saturday.

W. J. Wheeler of South Paris,
was in this village last Friday.

The town assessors have been
making their annual calls the past
week.

Miss Sarah Hall has been con-
fined to the house for the past week
with neuralgia.

T. R. Day of Bryant Pond, bought
several head of cattle of J. M. Phil-
brook last week.

Mrs. Mabel Bean was at Shel-
burne last week with her sister
who is quite sick.

R. W. Williamson and J. S.
Brown of Newry, called at the
News office last Saturday.

Maj. G. A. Hastings is building
a stable on the land on Paradise
Hill recently purchased of the
Chapman heirs.

Spring humors, boils, pimples,
eruptions, sores, may be complete-
ly cured by purifying the blood
with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Twenty-seven tramps were fed
at the lock-up during the month
of March, and about one half as
many more turned away.

Mrs. W. E. Chapman wishes to
increase her class in piano and or-
gan lessons. Inquire at house on
High street, below school building.

Rev. F. E. Barton will preach a
memorial sermon before the Odd
Fellows and Rebekahs Sunday
morning, April 24. It is hoped that
all members of the two orders
will attend.

If you need any new house fur-
nishing goods this spring, try the
Atkinson Furnishing Co., Lewiston,
Me. They allow car fares and pay
freight. Circular with prices
mailed on request.

The next meeting of the Bethel
Chorus will be on Thursday even-
ing, April 7. Important business
in regard to electing a director
will be taken up, and every mem-
ber is requested to be present.

The Columbian Club will meet
on Saturday afternoon of this week
with Mrs. G. R. Wiley. Topics—
Alexander, Aristotle, Epicurus.
Any member failing to receive the
list of questions will please apply
to Mrs. G. P. Bean.

A grand concert will be given at
the Universalist church, Tuesday
evening, April 12, at which time
the following program will be
rendered:

Chorus—Miller's Woeing.
Solo—Marguerite Finney
Piano Duet, Ruth King, Agnes Barton
Solo, George French
Duet, Julia Carter, Marguerite Finney
Solo, Joan Stearns
Duet, Florence and Barbara Carter
Piano Solo, Ruth King
Quartet, Misses Carter, Messrs. Field and Walker
Solo, Mrs. King
Duet, Misses Frost and Grover
Solo, Mrs. Finney
Solo, Mr. W. S. Field
Solo, Miss Nellie Frost
Solo, Miss Jane Gibson
Sextette, Ladies

A small outbuilding belonging
to Dr. Gehring took fire Saturday
noon, which quickly developed in-
to a very lively blaze. The inter-
vention of the Fire Department,
was the means of saving the long
barn which was in great danger.
The fire boys were on hand promp-
tly and did most efficient work.
The building took fire accidentally
from some grass that was being
burned around the building. Up-
on being questioned about the
fire, Dr. Gehring jocosely remark-
ed that he was simply trying to
clean up his back yard, when the
neighbors suddenly appeared
and threw cold water upon the en-
tire proceeding!

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO ss.
LUCAS COUNTY.

FRANK J. CHERNEY makes oath that
he is the senior partner of the firm of
F. J. CHERNEY & Co., doing business in
the City of Toledo, County and State
aforesaid, and that said firm will pay
the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
for each and every case of CATARRH
that cannot be cured by the use of
HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHERNEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in
my presence, this 6th day of December,
A. D. 1898.

A. W. GLEASON
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally
and acts directly on the blood and mu-
cous surfaces of the system. Send for
testimonials, free.

F. J. CHERNEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 760.

A POT OF GOLD
can be made in 2 months by any person
that will send his address at once.
We do not wish response from the rich,
for this is a boon to the poor or middle
class that need a few thousand dollars
to put them on their feet. Such an op-
portunity never crossed your path be-
fore. Goods will be sent you by mail if
you send in your way to fortune. Ad-
dress, C. H. MEYERS, LYNN, MASS.

COMEDIETTA.

"A Game of Letters on the Road to
Town," by the Tennis Club.

It was an eagerly expectant au-
dience that awaited the rising of
the curtain last Thursday even-
ing upon the Comedietta, "A Game
of Letters on the Road to Town,"
written by Mrs. John George Geh-
ring, for her Tennis Club and pre-
sented by them; and it was a warm-
ly enthusiastic one that delight-
edly followed the clever little play.
Bethel audiences have sometimes
been accused of being chary, or to
say the least, extremely conserva-
tive, in their applause, but this
one surely could not rest under
the imputation. But then, it is
not often that one has the oppor-
tunity of seeing the first presenta-
tion of a play written by one of
one's own townsmen.

The bright little "skit," as its
modest author is careful to term
it, with just a slender thread of
plot, some touches of pathos ming-
led with its delicious humor,
scintillating with constant flashes
of witty suggestion, and with fre-
quent opportunity for unforced
comic effect, had not one dull mo-
ment from beginning to end.

Now as to the dramatic person-
ae. Miss Bertha Wiley was
charming as the romantic, aspir-
ing young woman who longs to
"wear a ducal coronet upon her
marble brow" and mourns her lot
in Bethel "where we're all a great
deal better than each other, and
all just comfortably alike," who
dreams of a traveling nobleman
coming down from Canada via the
G. T. R. R., that might get thrown
from the rear car of an express
train, and who adds practically
that "it needn't necessarily hurt
him any, they don't go fast
enough for that," who "can't see
any use in having a lover if the
other girls don't know about it,"
and who later gives such a con-
vulsing exhibition of Delsarte
movements.

Miss Eva Twaddle in a most
effective costume, has visions of
thrilling her admirers as "queen of
the dramatic stage" and certain-
ly proceeds to thrill this one in a
manner never even attempted
by her model, Ellen Terry.

Miss Anna Carlsson who trips
on equipped with a sketching
outfit, is ecstatic over a "foreground
of two mushrooms and a land-
scapist" and spells her Art with a
big, big A. She gives a delicious
little soliloquy at her easel, mak-
ing a lovely picture of herself the
while.

Miss Alma Gehring was very
taking as a strong minded young
medical practitioner, who dis-
dains romance, and adores "small
pox, typhoid and diphtheria bac-
teria," who is constantly indulg-
ing her propensity to diagnosti-
cate and vaccinate, and declares
that "woman needs nothing more
to complete her happiness than to
discover a germ."

The part of the modern muscu-
lar devotee to athletic sport was
cleverly taken by Miss Henrietta
Douglass, who declares the decline
of athletic among the young men
of Bethel, and reports a football
game between Bowdoin and Gould
Academy in which of course, Bow-
doin is badly beaten.

Miss Ethel Richardson was par-
ticularly good as a gracefully lan-
guishing, sentimental young maid-
en with a penchant for verse,
which she indulges after this
fashion:

"Old Saddleback's curves before we rise
Like humps on camels borne,
And like an Arab rider tries
My soul to hush its moan."

She bids her "fluttering heart
sit still" and swoons and faints
and languishes all in the most
approved manner.

Miss Florence Carter was very
sweet and winsome in the guise of
Zaidee, the gypsy maiden, and her
rendering of "One Spring
Morning" was one of the chief
pleasures of the evening.

In the duet "I shot an Arrow into
the Air," she and Miss Barbara
exceeded even themselves, which
is saying a great deal, as all Beth-
el knows. Just here too was one
of the most charming specta-
cular effects of the evening
—the group of daintily gowned
young girls in their graceful poses,
outlined against the evergreens
making a most effective back-
ground for the two fair young
singers, and all forming a tableau
not soon to be forgotten.

Mrs. Gehring in the impressive
character of the magnificent gypsy,
more than confirmed all the suspi-
cions which her friends have long
entertained of her unusual distric-
tional ability. One quotation from
her part shall serve to show its lofty
sentiment and happy imagery:
"Oh, forgive, forgive when Love
strikes the blow, for you know
that poor Love, being blind, must
sometimes strike askant."

In the characters of Squire
Joshua Dobbins, the farmer lawyer,

and his wife, Cynthia, "devoted to
him and the farm," the conception
of which would have done credit to
Miss Wilkins or the clever author
of "Meadow Grass," Mr. George
Farnsworth and Miss Joan Stearns
did such a clever bit of amateur act-
ing as is not often seen. Mr. Dob-
bin soliloquizes that he "ain't much
used to dealing with gypsies on one
hand and nobility on t'other," and
intimates a preference for clients
who "fact like rational critters."

True to the principles and practice
of the profession, he declares that
"when a man has other folks' busi-
ness on hand and it's paying," his
wife's curiosity's got to wait; and
then proceeds to get into a muss
on account of his secrecy. One of
the best bits of the play, by the
way, is here, in a rather daring but
wholly successful mingling of pa-
thos and comedy, when he shouts
out for consolation to the stately
gypsy and her daughter, who have
just reached the climax of tender
emotions, "There, there, don't take
on, there ain't no occasion for it.
You've got your widder's-childs."

Another effective touch is where
he assures his wife soothingly in a
sudden burst of unusual sentiment,
that she has "been a pretty good
wife as wives go." Miss Stearns,
as the doting wife who
"hadn't t'ched a cent of the aig
money for forty years without
ownin' it straight up" was a fit
mate for her engaging spouse.

"My Joshyay, my Joshyay," she
mourns, "who's been as meek and
mild a man as ever was. * * *
What on airth shall I do with him
at his time of life, too? Here
we've been happy husband and wife
for over forty years, and hain't
never had a quarrel yit, leas'tways
he hasn't quarrelled with me."

One of the chief merits of the
Comedietta was that it had in so
marked a degree the supreme excel-
lence of simplicity. A wooded spot
by a country road furnished its en-
tire setting. Hence there was an
entire absence of attempt at stage
effect and fictitious situations
which are always repulsive to good
taste. That such simplicity, and
the ease, naturalness and finish
with which all the parts were given
implies the very highest art and
the most rigid training, is of course
always to be recognized. The tal-
ent which conceived and executed
so wholly successful an affair is
surely to be heartily congratulated
upon the result of its efforts, and
those who had the opportunity of
witnessing its triumphs are also
to be congratulated upon their
share in the courtesy so generously
extended by the Tennis Club and
its gifted patrons.

The following is the caste of
characters:
Bertha E. D. N. Southworth.
Miss Bertha M. Wiley
Eva Scott Siddons. Miss Eva Twaddle
Anna Angelica Kaufmann.
Miss Anna Carlsson
Dr. Alma Elizabeth Blackwell.
Miss Henrietta Douglass
Ethel Felicia Homan.
Miss Ethel Richardson
Barbara Robin Hood.
Miss Barbara Carter
Corona, The Gypsy. Mrs. Gehring
Zaidee (her daughter). Mrs. Gehring
Squire Dobbins (farmer lawyer).
Mr. George Farnsworth.
Cynthia Dobbins (his wife).
Miss Joan Stearns.

Little Things.

It is a great point of wisdom to
know how to estimate little things.
Of those which are evidently great,
every one can see the importance;
but true wisdom looks at these
great objects before they have
arrived at their full size. She
considers that it is principally
in this earlier state that they come
under the power of man, and can
be arranged, modified, increased,
or extinguished, at his pleasure;
whereas, in a more advanced stage,
they set at defiance all his efforts.
On the contrary, it is the part of
folly to wait till evils have attained
their maturity before they are at-
tacked; for then that which might
at first have been easily crushed
becomes irresistible.

—Thou must as well expect to
grow stronger by always eating as
wiser by always reading. Too
much overcharges nature, and
turns one into disease than nour-
ishment. It is thought and diges-
tion which make books serviceable,
and give health and vigor to the
mind.—Fuller.

If You Wish to be Well

You must fortify your system
against the attacks of disease.
Your blood must be kept pure, your
stomach and digestive organs in
order, your appetite good. Hood's
Sarsaparilla is the medicine to
build you up, purify and enrich
your blood and give you strength.
It creates an appetite and gives
digestive power.

Hood's PILLS are the favorite
family cathartic, easy to take, easy
to operate.

God Bless Mother.

A little child with flaxen hair,
And snail eyes, so sweet and fair,
Who kneels, when twilight darkens all,
And from whose loving lips there fall
The accents of this simple prayer:
"God bless!—God bless my mother!"

A youth upon Life's threshold wide,
Who leaves a gentle mother's side,
Yet keeps, enshrined within his breast,
Her words of warning,—still the best,
And whispers, when temptation-tried,
"God bless!—God bless my mother!"

A white-haired man who gazes back
Along life's weary, furrowed track,
And sees one face,—An angel's now!—
Hears words of light that led aright,
And prays with reverential brow:
"God bless!—God bless my mother!"

Selected.

The Old, Old Story.

It was a dismal November even-
ing, and the rain and the darkness
were beginning to fall together, as
I reached the A—street crossing,
intending to board the evening ac-
commodation, which, as I knew,
was usually slowed at this point to
let off an official living in the
neighborhood. As the train was
not due for nearly half an hour,
I took refuge in a shelter-hut of the
old flagman with whom I had long
been on excellent terms. He was
a jolly, gossip little man, who
had become superannuated in the
service of the company, and was
enjoying in his old age what was
to him a position of ease and honor.
He had just finished his supper,
brought to him as usual by his
granddaughter. As he lifted the
tin plate to make room for me on
the scanty bench, he carefully put
back into it some choice pieces of
meat, bread, and cake, sufficient by
themselves for quite a substantial
meal. "That's for the General,"
said he, in answer to my look of
curiosity. "My old woman would
no more forget his supper than she
would forget mine."

"Who is the General?" I inquired.

"Well, sir, he's what you call a
man with a history."

"Tell it to me. I am fond of his-
tory."

"I've no objection—but wait a
bit, I guess he's coming now—yes,
sir, that's him."

"Just keep quiet, and don't notice
his crankiness, and you'll see a
character."

A shuffling step, and a hoarse,
tearing cough announced the ap-
proach of the General, who soon
presented himself at the door of the
hut, where he paused and struck
an attitude in the half-light of the
flagman's lantern. General, in-
deed! A once tall and muscular
man, now a miserable crouch, with
stooping shoulders, hollow chest,
bending, tremulous knees, the
dress of a vagabond, and the face
of a sot! Yet there was something
in his bearing, in the lines of the
mouth, in the glance of the pet-
ty spite eye, that seemed the shadow
of departed power; and his saluta-
tion to the flagman was given and
received as that of a superior to a
dependent. Upon me he glowered
fiercely, exclaiming, "No loafers
allowed around these premises."

The flagman explained that I was
waiting for the train.

"Why don't he go to the depot?"
This is not a station.

I was about to reply when the
flagman drew forth the tin pail, say-
ing, "General, they have sent us
up our lunch from the hotel; will
you have it now?" Steadying him-
self against the door, with a hand
that shook as with the palsy, the
wretched tramp took the old man's
bounty as if it were his by right,
grumbled at its scantiness and
quality, said he must be off to the
office, and without thanks or fare-
well shuffled away. We heard his
cough, mingled with an occasional
wheezy oath, as he disappeared in
the darkness.

"There!" said the old flagman,
turning to me, "what do you call
that?"

"The wreck of a great man, but
exceedingly disagreeable in its
present state. You have, I see,
some unpleasant associations with
it."

"I should think so. Why, sir,
fifteen years ago that man was
superintendent of this road! And
the best one, by all odds, that they
ever had. He was engine, steam,
and engineer, all in one. Things
went just like clock-work. He
knew every man, and wheel, and
spoke on the road. You couldn't
blow a whistle or swing a lantern
anywhere on this line without his
leave. We called him General;
and we might as well have said
king, for he was every inch of it.
He had a good salary, owned some
stock in the road, had a nice home,
and moved in the best society.
His son had a first-rate position in
the general office. His daughter
was engaged to a young million-
aire—a nephew and ward of one of
the directors."

"But the General had one bad
enemy—liquor. I've heard that
he learned to drink at the wine
suppers that the railroad magnates
used to give when they met to lay
their plans, and all that. At any
rate he learned pretty fast, and
practiced what he learned. Now
and then he gave a wine supper
himself; and many a young man
under him—his own son among
the rest—took his first glass at the
General's table."

"By and by the habit began to
show itself in his face; next in his
step; then in his temper, and at
last in the road. Sorrows came
down; things ran down; stock de-
clined. Then the magnates com-
plained; and when they saw that
complaints did no good, they
turned him out. The young mil-
lionaire turned up his nose, and
asked to be released from his mar-
riage engagement. The girl ap-
proved his decision, dismissed him
kindly, and before morning was a
ravaging maniac."

"All these troubles, instead of
sobering the General, made him
worse. For four months he
scarcely knew a sober moment; he
spent the savings of his life; his
house and goods were sold under
the hammer, and he and his broken
hearted wife moved into a little
tenement in the alley yonder."

"At last the Good Templars got
hold of him, and he signed the
pledge. You never saw such a
change in a man. He was like
one alive from the dead. The
railroad folks had so much faith in
him that they made him train-
dispatcher. It was a step down;
but he took it willingly, and did
his work well. When the new de-
pot was opened, the beer was fur-
nished without stint. To every-
body's horror, the General took to
glass. What happened after that
no one knew; but that night he ran
two trains together at the Millwood
switch, killing one man and wound-
ing four. In half an hour after the
accident the dispatcher was dis-
charged. In three hours, he was
drunk in the street, arrested and
sent to the lock-up."

Some of the boys went over and
paid his fine. Then he swore by
all that is holy that he never would
drink again. After a probation of
six months, and when his reforma-
tion seemed to be genuine and
permanent, he was offered a con-
ductor's position. It was another
step down; but he took it gladly,
and did his very best, which was
well as the best could do. One
day the director's car was attached
to his train. He went through as
they were at dinner. The smell of
the wine awakened the old demon
in him, and at the next station he
got a glass of liquor. He made a
fool of himself, insulted the pas-
sengers, was complained of, and
discharged."

"Once more after that the com-
pany gave him a chance to earn
his bread. He was appointed to a
petty clerkship in the general
office. His son had long ago lost
his place there on account of his
intemperate habits. The father
soon lost his in the same way.
Some sudden temptation overtook
him, and away he went again.
"It was pitiful to hear him beg
for another trial. He would do
anything, and at any price. He
would be flagman at a crossing.
But there were no vacancies; and
if there were, he could not be
trusted. He would be watchman
at the depot; but they dared not
depend on him. I believe he would
have joined the mob brigade if they
would have let him; but it was out
of the question."

"From that time he gave up try-
ing to be respectable, and sank
lower and lower. You see what he
is now—a common tramp and beg-
gar. His wife is in the workhouse;
his son is in the penitentiary; he
himself will soon be in his grave.
But so long as I have a crust of
bread I will not let him starve."

"Your train is coming. When
it stops you will see a man get off.
It is the present superintendent.
He began as an office boy under the
General; but he never surrendered
to the General's enemy. While the
General was coming down, his
clerk was going up, up, up. He
took one place after another, each
one higher than the last, till now
they have made him superintendent.
He's a teetotaler himself, and
he won't have a drinking man on
the road if he knows it. Here he
is on the platform. He hasn't half
of the General's ability; but, bless
you, what's ability worth when it's
preserved in alcohol?"—Temper-
ance Record.

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A FAST DAY PROCLAMATION.

In deference to the practice of the early settlers of New England, and following a precedent that has obtained ever since Maine was admitted into the Union of States, and also with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, I do appoint
THURSDAY, the 28th Day of April,
In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, as a day of

FASTING AND PRAYER.

It is fitting that this time-honored custom should still be respected, and I earnestly request all the people of our State to properly observe the day in their homes and churches, and to refrain from all unnecessary labor, remembering, reverently, the source from which so many favors have come to us.

GIVEN at the Executive Chamber, in Augusta, this twenty-fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-second.
LEWELLYN POWERS,
By the Governor,
BYRON BOYD, Secretary of State.

War Gleanings.

It is expected that the President's message will be sent to Congress to-day and that it will be firm and patriotic. Cuban independence will doubtless be recommended with armed intervention if necessary. His policy, however, does not necessarily involve war, but leaves the determination of that question to Spain herself. The war cloud has been pretty black for the past few days, but yet, it is hoped and by many expected, that if the President is let alone he will be able to adjust matters without bloodshed.

Washington, April 4.—The Navy Department to-day sent telegraphic orders to the auxiliary cruiser board at New York to purchase immediately ten vessels for the auxiliary navy. These boats are to be between 2,000 and 10,000 tons burden and the board is directed to conclude the purchases as soon possible.

London, April 4.—A special dispatch from Madrid, this afternoon, says: Premier Sagasta this morning expressed the hope that "peaceful considerations would influence the American politicians," declaring that the Pope's mediation is "practically the last chance of averting war."

London, April 5.—The movement of the powers of Europe for a joint offer of mediation between the United States and Spain, has received here a probably fatal rebuff in the form of a definite refusal upon the part of the British government to participate in it.

Washington, April 5.—Members of the House have been informed to-day that vessels have been dispatched to Havana to take off Gen. Lee and our consular officers, as well as all Americans who desire to leave the island.

STRENGTH OF OUR PRESIDENT.

London, April 4.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon commenting upon the Pope's intervention between the Spaniards and Cubans, says: "Securing the mediation of the Pope reflects infinite credit upon all parties. The tension of the last few days has shown what a strong man the Americans have for their President. With a weak man, it is certain by now that the United States would have been swept into war."

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I desire to call the attention of all who have claims in the hands of the late J. G. Rich, Esq., that I have all his papers and claims pertaining to such claims and am continuing prosecution of such claims wherever desired. Please correspond with me at my office, where you will find me on the three last days of the week. Correspondence attended to at any time.

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..COUNTY NEWS..

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WEST BETHEL.

"O, the slush, the slush, The beautiful slush, It lies on the ground where'er we go, Made by melting the 'beautiful snow.'"

Easter morning will soon dawn. War is a little word of three letters, but it has a big meaning.

Lewis Tyler has made about twenty gallons of maple honey.

Eugene Briggs of Bethel Hill was in this place for a few hours Sunday.

Rev. Z. J. Wheeler is expected to preach in the new church on Sunday next.

Poplar Tavern—New management—Everything first class—Rates away down.

After having April weather through the month of March, we must expect March weather in April.

Miss Hattie Bacon is confined to the house by illness, and has been quite feeble for many months.

No man is too poor to eat foreign fruit since bananas are being sold from the stores for ten cents per dozen.

The family of N. B. Bean have vacated the Allen house, and are moving to Livermore Falls, where Mr. Bean has worked through the winter.

Our newsboys, Fred Murphy and Edgar Ladd, are seen on the streets every week selling the Saturday Globe and Illustrated Record.

NORWAY.

Selectman D. S. Sanborn has been very ill from inflammation of the bowels but is now convalescent.

Rev. B. S. Rideout exchanged with Rev. R. J. Haughton of the South Paris Congregationalist church, Sunday forenoon.

Mrs. V. W. Hills and Mrs. Drake are in New York and Boston attending the fashionable millinery openings, but will return in time to trim hats for those who wish them for Easter. Mrs. Hills will have her millinery opening April 15 and 16.

Hattie A., wife of Eugene Smith, after a severe illness of several months, passed away last Saturday P. M. The funeral was held at the house Tuesday afternoon. Rev. E. W. Pierce and Rev. Caroline Angell, pastors of the Universalist churches at Paris Hill and Norway, spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing relatives and friends. The floral tributes were many and beautiful and they were carried to her resting place by four of her intimate friends, Mrs. Charles W. Bowker, Mrs. Thomas Barnes, Madge Wilson, and Maud Douglass.

E. C. Park of Bethel was in town Saturday.

Harry Virgin of Portland was in town, Sunday.

The assessors have started on their annual rounds.

Dr. Annette Bennett has taken rooms in Horne Block.

C. P. Libby has moved into Mrs. Kelley's house on Paris St.

Ambrose Warren has returned to Waterville to resume his studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hobbs have been engaged to run the town farm.

C. H. Adams has been drawn as jurymen for the May term of court.

H. H. Burnham has been engaged to take care of the town clock for the next year.

Miss A. N. Perry of Westbrook, will open a new millinery and fancy goods store in Beal Block.

One of our leading attorneys is anxious to form a militia company and start for the seat of war.

H. D. Smith, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Maine, made official visits to Wiscasset and Camden last week.

The following appointments have been made by the selectmen: Inspector of Buildings, M. M. Fuller; Police officer, A. J. Bassett; Trust officer, G. W. Locke; Member Board of Health, W. S. Cordwell; Sealer of weights and measures, H. H. Cole.

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Miss Gertrude Hall has been visiting her friend, Mrs. Dr. Packard at West Paris.

About sixty members of the Public Whist Club met at the G. A. R. Hall, Friday evening.

Miss Beatrice Rawson who has been visiting here the past week, returned to Auburn, Saturday.

Claude Needham and family have arrived home after spending several weeks among relatives.

Miss Lulu Cook and Mrs. Herman Wilson went to West Paris, Monday to sing at a concert in that place.

Chas. Cooper of Auburn was in town Tuesday, called here to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Della L. Briggs.

Walter Dennison has closed his engagement with the Paris Mfg. Co., and has accepted a position in the Wood Rim Co.

John J. Hayden who has been in the employ of the Paris Manufacturing Company, has accepted a position in Massachusetts.

The Lyceum Theatre Company that was in town last week gave the proceeds of Friday evening's entertainment for the benefit of the four small children of Thomas Barrett who died last Thursday.

MINOT.
Mrs. Haselton Johnson is visiting in Portland.

Mr. D. B. Giddings spent a few days of last week in Harrison.

Mrs. Elvie Gowell who has been on the sick list for the past month, is improving rapidly.

Mr. Leroy Stone of Auburn passed Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stone.

Mrs. John Hampson and daughter, who have been the guests of Mrs. F. E. Ayer, have returned to Boston.

Your correspondent was in Lewiston, Saturday. The streets are dusty and a large number of bicycles are seen out.

Miss Nellie Norton entertained a number of young people at home on Wednesday evening. Refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. It was a very pleasant affair.

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NORTH FRYEBURG.

Paul Chandler of Westbrook, is stopping at Leon Giles'.

Joseph Bowley has moved his family back to the Harbor.

Edith Douglass has been visiting her uncle, Dexter Charles.

Fred Thomas of Whitefield visited at Hollis Mansfield's recently.

Effie Pillsbury has been taking a short vacation at her home in this place.

Mr. Wm. Sturdivant has returned home from a trip to Gray and Waterville.

Miss Alta Charles was visiting relatives in Jackson and Brownfield, last week.

Dean Andrews is at work in Chatham making maple syrup with Caleb Brickett.

Mrs. Mary Farrington has been quite feeble for some time past but is slowly improving.

Chas. Smith of Jackson, N. H., stopped at Wm. Hill's on a recent fur-buying trip to this place.

Willard Mansfield has let his planing for the coming season to Dean Ballard of West Fryeburg.

Peleg Gupit has been entertaining his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tibbets, the past week.

D. H. Charles and George Shaw have engaged to clear away the debris of the corn shop sheds preparatory to erecting new ones.

Jamie Gallison has been spending his week's vacation from school at the Academy, with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Price.

W. J. Pitman is to carry on the S. A. Smith place the coming season, as Mr. Smith and family are going to New Hampshire to work.

The Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. Wilson Webb the 23rd. About seventy-five partook of the excellent supper and enjoyed the entertainment following.

John Whittaker is to work for Stephen Charles the coming season in the marble shop, and will move his family here as soon as the traveling is suitable.

Will Jewett has bought the stage route from Fryeburg to North Chatham and has moved his family to Chatham Centre. Eugene Leavett's family occupy Mr. Jewett's house on Fish street.

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JUDGED BY HIS POLISH.

It is Not Always the Polished Gentleman

Who is the Gentleman of Real Polish.

The reporter had stopped in the

office of the laundry to leave an order.

As he came in a young man

who might have come from New

Jersey or Newfoundland passed out.

"He hasn't been in the city long,"

remarked the clerk, with a smile

which was not wholly complimentary

to the departed.

"Who is he?" inquired the re-

porter.

"Don't know; never saw him be-

fore in my life."

"How do you know he is new to

the town?"

"He wanted a shine on his shirt,

a polish on his linen, as Boston per-

sons call it."

"Does newness in town have any-

thing to do with it?"

"Does it?" and the clerk's tone

indicated how sorry he was for the

reporter's ignorance. "Well, I should

say it did. When a man's been liv-

ing in the city any time, he hasn't

got any use for shiny shirt fronts

and likewise the collars and cuffs

that go with them. Take a yarn

from the raw districts, and the first

thing he wants to put on when he

strikes the town is a shirt he can

see himself in the bosom of. Then

he wants his cuffs to glisten to

match, and his collar is a rank fail-

ure if it doesn't look like it has been

soaked overnight in an enamel

bath. That's for the first half dozen

washes or so. Then he begins to

think different, depending on the

kind of society he trains with, and

pretty soon he asks for a 'domestic

finish,' and it ain't long after that

until he begins to think that a shiny

shirt front is something positively

dreadful, and if we happen to get

the least bit of a shine on his shirt

he wants to slug somebody. A real-

ly and truly swell, don't you know,

would a blamed sight rather be seen

drunk at a social function than to

be seen there wearing linen with a

shine on it.

"Still there are some right nice

men yet living who like to have

shiny linen. They are mostly old

fellows, and they like the shine be-

cause it looks cleaner after a little

wear. Of course these old chaps are

of the left overs, the style ones be-

ing with everybody to have shiny

linen. That's where the laundry ran

out the washerwoman, who hadn't

the machinery to shine with, and

she lost her customers. She's com-

ing in again though now, for the

shine isn't the thing any more, and

no machine laundering is equal to

the hand work for real swell finish.

The country laundry is yet doing

the bulk of its work with a shine

on, and the countryman, like the

one you just saw go out, is known

by the polish on his linen."—De-

troit Free Press.

Every "Hot Touch" in Tennessee.

Every man—that is, nearly every

man—has been "touched," and

therefore the explanation of a

"touch," which is given herewith,

for the benefit of women and chil-

dren who do not know. A "touch" is

a "maec," a "strike," a "brow."

There are many different kinds of

touches. There are the "hot touch,"

the "rush touch," which is the "hot

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MINERAL RUBBER.

The New State of Utah Has a

Strange Freak of Nature.

Material from Which Gum Shoes for

the Multitude May Be Made—It

Grows in the Ground

Like Potatoes.

Utah, the newest of the states, seems

to be a mineralogical freak. Mr. George

Eldridge, of the geological survey, says

a Washington (D. C.) correspondent,

was sent out there a few weeks ago

for the purpose of looking up certain

natural resources, and he has returned

with a most interesting report. Among

other things, he found great deposits

of mineral rubber—enough to make

gum shoes for a large part of the popu-

lation of the United States. It is black,

and it looked and felt exactly like or-

inary rubber.

"You see, it is quite elastic," said Mr.

Eldridge, bending a piece with his

fingers. "There is no telling how many

uses it may be put to in the

future, but I imagine it will be em-

ployed largely mixed with the vegetable

rubber of commerce. For a roofing

material it has already been proved

excellent. In the mining towns of Utah

mineral rubber is utilized commonly

for roofing, being prepared in sheets

consisting of a layer of burlap, with

the rubber on both sides. Nothing

could be more thoroughly waterproof.

Because it is so new and not much is known

about this peculiar stuff and its possi-

bilities. Only a few tons of it has been

mined near the Uintah reservation,

where it is chiefly found. It occurs in

veins, but the mine and the use of the

latter are not reliably known as yet."

Mr. Eldridge took up from his desk

a queer-looking, blackish chunk of

something not easily identified, that

felt soft to the touch.

"That is another unexplored min-

eral," said he. "It is called mineral

rubber, and is found in veins like the

mineral. It has not been mined at

all, but many uses for it are likely to

be discovered in the future. To elec-

tricians it will be valuable, doubtless,

inasmuch as it is one of the best insulat-

ing materials for employment in their

business. But here is another inter-

esting discovery about Utah rubber.

The specimen of this latter looked

exactly like a piece of obsidian, or black

volcanic glass. It was hard as any

rock. "That is gum asphalt," said the

expert. "My chief business in Utah was

to examine the deposits of this mat-

terial. It is a wonderful substance and

represents a great mineral resource

that has hardly been touched as yet.

It is not a new material, but it is

indeed a new kind of asphalt, and its

usefulness is in the manufac-

ture of varnishes.

"The substance is found under con-

ditions that are extraordinary, and it

has been able to account for them

satisfactorily. The deposits are chiefly

within and in the neighborhood of the

Uncompahgre reservation. You are

expecting, however, the country to come

upon a queer-looking streak that runs

straight as an arrow flies. You crush

away the sand and beneath it you find

that the streak is perfectly black. It

is a kind of gum asphalt.

"There are many such veins near the